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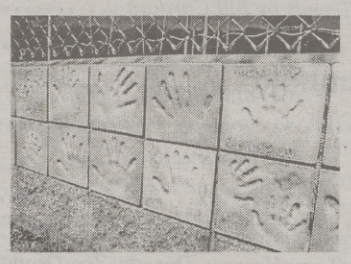

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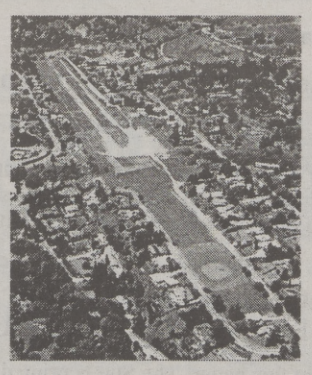

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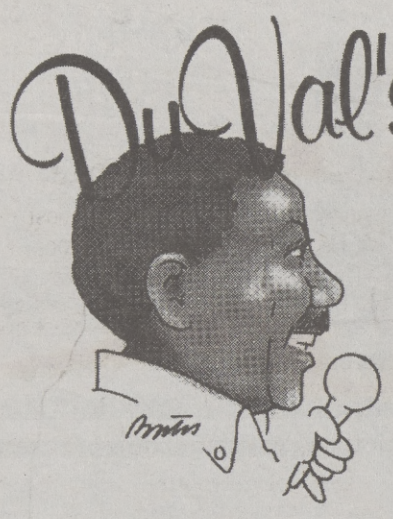

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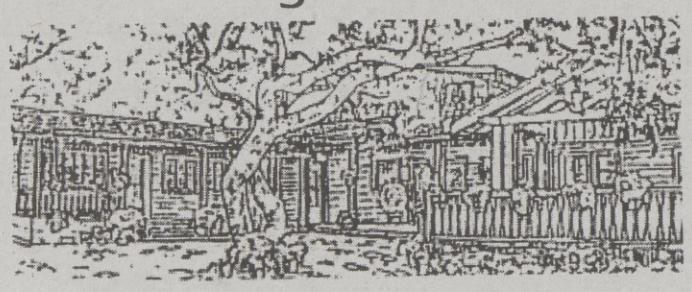

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LETTERS

Airfield Non-Conforming Use

Dear Editor

I have seen various letters to the Editor indicating that the airstrip in Carmel Valley could become the site for an RV park, mobile home park, or up to 29 individual homes. I believe that this is not the case due to constraints regarding water and sewage that have been tested in the past when such dense uses were sought by previous developers and rejected by the County.

As far as the possible loss of open space if the deJounges' project is not approved, I have been informed that under their current proposal, the use of the airstrip by the public would be severely curtailed. I have also heard that they are already taking the position that they have the right to prevent the public from using the property, although it has been used historically by the public for decades and may, in fact, have ripened into an existing public right.

In deference to the deJounges, I cannot say whether or not they (a) have a dream to create a nostalgic haven for a few, (b) are down-to-earth people trying to fulfill a lifelong dream, or (c) are trying to preserve an existing community asset. Even assuming all three to be the case, such ideas are nowhere near as important or relevant to this issue as the fact that the airstrip is a "nonconforming use" in a primarily residential community.

In principal, "nonconforming uses" are tolerated for as long as they survive, but such uses are not permitted to grow or expand to greater or different uses. I believe that it is the policy of the law to prohibit the development and growth of nonconforming uses and, furthermore, to prohibit activities designed to "jumpstart" or "recharge" nonconforming uses that are otherwise on their way out.

It seems to me that the natural growth trend in the vicinity of the airstrip over the last 50 years has primarily been (a) declining airplane use and (b) increasing residential and recreational uses. Re-charging the airstrip as the home base for a flying community of small aircraft enthusiasts would go completely against the nature of this community and its historical growth pattern.

Therefore, whether or not the deJounges' intentions are good and honorable, I believe that they are trying to fit a square peg into a round hole.

Barry Harrow
Carmel Valley

NEWSBRIEFS

Tot Lot Tile Mural Underway

The first of the handprint tiles were permanently set into the retaining wall of the Tot Lot on Friday, April 10. The celedon green 8"x8" tiles were made by Diane Swift and have the handprints and names of local residents and their children. The tiles were sold to raise funds to cover the cost of the Tot Lot renovation.

The play area is located adjacent to the Community Pool and will include shaded picnic area, bike and buggy parking, and safe, modern play equipment. The new retaining wall, and handprint mural, faces the pool.

Dr. Kryger Opens in CV

More than 50 people attended an Open House at Carmel Valley Medical on Village Drive on Friday, April 3. It is the second office of Dr. Kryger of Carmel Valley.

The open house gave the community an opportunity to see the new office and learn about the services provided. The new clinic, designed as a patient education center has video and audio cassettes on health related subjects and various diseases. Individuals with particular health concern can access information on the Internet at no charge on an appointment basis. Dr. Kryger is also presenting a series of weekly lectures.

On April 22, Menopause: The Change and What to do; on April 29, Testosterone: The Love Hormone for Men, a New Delivery, on May 6:

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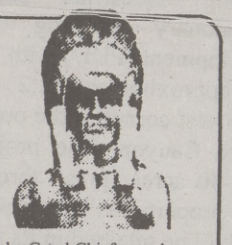

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The 891 acre September Ranch moves ahead with a plan to subdivide into 100 market rate lots. Where will the 61 acre feet of water come from? What about the 835 new trips per day?

By Bruce Dormody

This week another subdivision proposal process in Carmel Valley moves ahead. The project is the proposed subdivision of the 891-acre September Ranch located along Carmel Valley Road in the mountains east of the red barns. The development's first stop is the Carmel Valley Citizens Land-Use Advisory Committee. The citizen's committee had a site visit on Tuesday and is charged with determining whether the project meets the requirements of a subdivision.

The developer, September Ranch Partners, is asking the County to allow the land to be subdivided into 100 market rate single family lots, a 20.2 acre lot for the existing equestrian center, and an inclusionary housing Planned Unit Development (PUD) with 17 units located on approximately 3.2 acres in the southwest corner of the property known as Roach Canyon. The project claims that only 80 acres spread throughout the 891 acre property will be developed and the rest will be retained in its natural state.

"It is the Department's position that the addition of even one peak hour trip, in a LOS F environment represents a significant impact." - California Department of Transportation

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was distributed last fall for public review and comment. The Final EIR was completed this past March and contains the 20 responses to comments made on the draft. Comments to the EIR were made by various governmental organizations, neighborhood and property owner's groups, environmental groups, and the developer. Comments raised concerns about the project and the adequacy of the document itself. The two areas to which most comments were directed were traffic and water.

The EIR projects that the project will add 835 trips per day to the local roads, of which approximately 10% would be during the P.M. peak hour. California Department of Transportation summed up their concerns in one concise comment: "It is the Department's position that the addition of even one peak hour trip, in a LOS F environment represents a significant impact. Therefore, as indicated in our letter dated August 28, 1996, this project should not be completed until the completion of the Hatton Canyon Parkway."

TAMC, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, disputes the traffic generation numbers used in the EIR and claims that a figure twice as high is more in line with actual conditions. It also recommends, along with several others, that the two new intersections with Carmel Valley Road that the project would create, be merged into one signalized intersection directly across from Brookdale Road. The PUD's road intersection at the mouth of Roach Canyon was particularly noted for its creation of a new hazardous condition at an already deadly section of Carmel Valley Road.

The project recently drew attention to itself while water pump tests were being performed to determine the reliability and independence of the aquifer beneath the property. The water was being pumped into large water cannon sprinklers and dispersed on barren fields while many local residents were being asked to conserve water.

The developers estimate the project will use 61 acre feet of water annually. In 1996, in response to various County agencies, a 47 day pump test was performed on the project's main well. A significant result of the pump testing documented a hydraulic connectivity between September Ranch wells and the Carmel River aquifer. During the pumping at September Ranch, monitor wells closer to the Carmel River were effected. These same wells were also effected when the Carmel River began to flow. Therefore there is some relationship between the September Ranch wells and the Carmel River aquifer.

Ultimately it will be up to the State Water Resources Control Board to decide if they have jurisdiction over the water underlying the development. If they do, the water would fall under its order not to increase any use from the Carmel Valley Aquifer. The State has not yet commented on the September Ranch project but plans to give its response around May 17, 1998.

Monterey County Health Department raised an issue pertaining to the historical water use of the property. An EIR is supposed to compare the proposed project to what would happen if it were not completed, ie. no project alternative. They note, "However, what is of concern here is that the EIR takes the approach of completing an impact analysis based on potential use of the property versus the actual historical, physical use of the property." The health department points out that the EIR seems to take the highest water use of the property, during the pump tests, and claiming that represents the historic use.

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) notes in a table that, "water production has varied from zero to 78.34 acre feet during the reporting years 1991-1997. Most of this production occurred during aquifer tests in 1993 and 1997. Since 1980, all wells within the district have been required to be registered and report water production on an annual basis. No historical water production has been reported to the district under this program prior to 1991."

The table that the MPWMD did provide showed that four out of the last eight years, less then 1.2 acre feet of water per year was being historically used. Yet, the EIR uses 45 acre feet of water as the base-line existing (historical) use to assess the project's impacts. Using this methodology is problematical because there is no long term data available to determine if over a prolonged period of time the development's pumping will adversely effect the Carmel River Aquifer, especially in drought conditions.

Another area of controversy surrounding the development is the inclusionary housing Planned Unit Development (PUD). LAFCO points out that the density is inconsistent with the Carmel Valley Master Plan (CVMP). The applicant is requesting a general plan amendment and rezoning to allow the PUD. Yet, throughout the EIR, commentators suggest moving the location and spreading its impacts out over several lots amongst the entire project, eliminating the need for another intersection with Carmel Valley Road. The EIR takes the position that despite the need to amend the CVMP, the location and density better conforms to the master plan because of potential visual impacts and distance to transit stops, which could be mitigated without a general plan amendment.

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As most Valley residents know, storm water runoff has lately been a hot topic. Carmel Valley Golf and Country Club Homeowners expressed their concern about this subject back in December, months prior to the flooding that occurred in February. They suggested that "the detention basins should be capable of fully containing a 100-year flow." The project only proposes to control flows to the pre-development 10 year storm levels. Twenty-five percent of the property drains into Canada De La Segunda Canyon. The EIR claims that "drainage improvements are part of the requirements for the adjacent Canada Woods Subdivision, which is currently under construction," and has no special mitigation's for this obviously troubled area.

The EIR identifies the environmentally superior alternative as a project with reduced density that uses the same amount of water that the Ranch currently uses. Without any historical documentation, that figure became 45 acre feet, or what the potential irrigation of the pastures could use. The EIR goes on to describe other ways to reduce the amount of water used, through conservation or offsetting pumping from other Carmel Valley wells which would eliminate the need to reduce the project's density. A similar mitigation tactic allowed Canada Woods to move water from one property to another.

After the Carmel Valley Citizens Land-Use Advisory Committee completes its review the project will be scheduled for hearing in front of the Subdivision Committee, then the Planning Commission, and finally the Board of Supervisors.

NEWSBRIEFS

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The Addicted Brain: The Neurochemistry of Addiction, on May 13: Peak Performance in Endurance Athletes: Triathletes of the Triathlon Club. Watch The Sun's calendar for upcoming lecture topics.

Dr. Kryger specializes in sports and longevity medicine, health promotion and disease prevention. Call 373-4407 or 659-7426 for additional information about Carmel Valley Medical. The Preventative Medicine Clinic of Monterey or the lecture series. Please make a reservation for the lectures due to limited space.

Kindergarten Orientation at Tularcitos

The Tularcitos Kindergarten Teachers will host an orientation for parents of incoming kindergarten students on Tuesday, April 25 at 7 p.m. in the kindergarten center. Registration packets will be available.

Potter Seeks Volunteer for Status of Women Commission

Supervisor Potter is seeking a volunteer from the Fifth District to serve as a member of Monterey County's Commission on the Status of Women to fill a current vacancy.

The Commission serves in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors on a variety of matters relative to women in the county. The Commission meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30p.m. in Salinas.

Interested persons residing in the Fifth District (Carmel, Carmel Valley, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Big Sur, Pebble Beach) are encouraged to send a letter and resume by April 30, 1998 stating their desire to serve, including home address and day-time phone number to: Supervisor Dave Potter, 1200 Augajito Road, Suite 001, Monterey CA 93940.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month

On Sunday, April 19 starting at 9:30a.m. on the corner of Blanco and Main in Salinas, local motorcyclists, accompanied by law enforcement motor officers, will travel to the County parking lot opposite the Courthouse to celebrate "May, Motorcycle Awareness Month." All riders and members of the public are invited to attend.

Many local government officials will be in attendance. The event is sponsored by ABATE, a motorcyclists rights and education organization.

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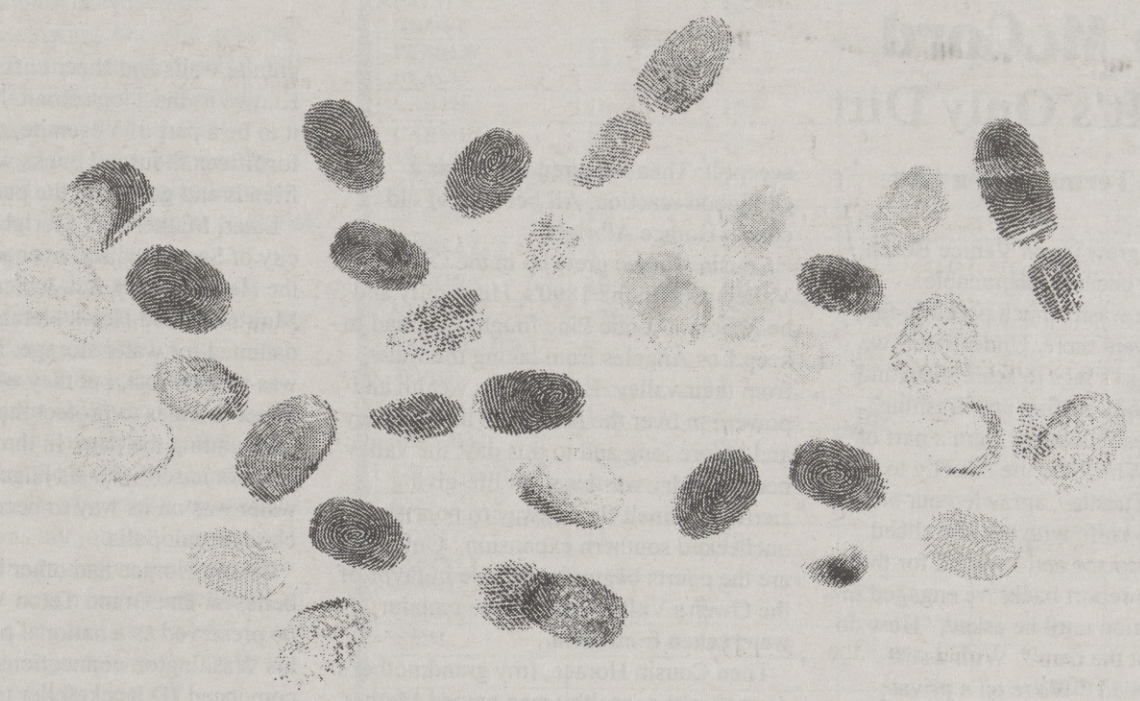

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John McCord

Still, It's Only Dirt

Coming to Terms with a Gut Reaction

Mark and I grew up on Venice Beach long before it became fashionable. Because there wasn't much parking, few people ever went there. Underwater, we grabbed the girl's legs to scare them and spent hours body surfing and crashing over the waves. Sunburns were a part of the scenery. Which led me directly to where I was Tuesday, sprawled out on a table, under a knife with my jaw sliced open. As the doctor and I waited for the pathologist to report back, we engaged in idle conversation until he asked, "How do you feel about the dam?" With a stiff reaction I replied, "We're on a private well, it's not an issue for me." But the question didn't go away. It was malignant. The tumor was benign.

Yesterday, I tried to determine why I had a body reaction when he asked the question. In my gut I cringed at the thought of a new dam being built in Carmel Valley. I appreciate all the good reasons to build one, yet I still can't quite accept it. Then I figured out it was a childhood reaction. All because of old cousin Horace Albright.

Cousin Horace grew up in the Owen's Valley back in the 1890's. His family and neighbors in Lone Pine fought like mad to keep Los Angeles from taking the water from their valley. LA, with its wealth and power ran over the little guys in the valley and before long and to this day, the valley became a dry wasteland as life-giving sierra snowmelt flows away to nourish unchecked southern expansion. Only now are the courts beginning to rule in favor of the Owen's Valley residents to reclaim water taken from them.

Then Cousin Horace, (my grandmother's cousin) met a wealthy man named Mather. Steve Mather loved the Sierras and especially, Yosemite. He believed everyone should be able to enjoy the valley and dedicated his life to that purpose. But access to Yosemite was only from the west except by a privately owned, magnificent rutted horse and buggy trail carved out of the eastern granite walls and sheer cliffs of the Sierra. Known as the Tioga Road, Mather wanted it to be a part of Yosemite, so he bought it for fifteen thousand bucks with a few friends and gave it to the park.

Later, Mather and Albright battled the city of San Francisco over provisions of the Hetch Hetchy Act, which allowed John Muir's beloved Hetch Hetchy Valley to be dammed for water storage. Hetch Hetchy was already lost, but they were able to affect changes to protect the wilderness surrounding the dam. In the meantime, San Francisco with it's huge new supply of water was on its way to becoming a world class megalopolis.

Cousin Horace had other hopes too. He believed The Grand Teton Valley should be preserved as a national park. Through his Washington connections Albright convinced JD Rockefeller to secretly buy thousands of acres and keep the local ranchers who opposed from knowing their plan. Today Grand Teton National Park is ours because of Mr. Rockefeller's generosity and the tenacity of an Interior Department appointee.

When Mr. Mather became the first Director of the National Park Service, Cousin Horace became the first civilian Superintendent of Yellowstone National Park. As a boy sitting on the floor, he'd tell us stories of fishing trips with the King of Sweden, or taking President Coolidge out to see the moose and elk to earn his support for the parks. Once in the car with President Roosevelt he made a pitch to turn the Shenandoah Battlefield into a National Historic Park. Roosevelt he said, "smiled his big grin and that cigarette holder he used jut upward, confirming his pleased satisfaction." Cousin Horace knew the president liked the idea but in the midst of the Great Depression, he didn't say "yes". A few months later, Cousin Horace got his wish, Roosevelt sent an executive order approving his plan and all historic battlefields became protected under the umbrella of the National Park Service.

As I sat beside his gigantic shoes, most of this sailed over my head. As he entertained us with stories of the Battle of Manasas, volcanoes in Hawaii, Caverns thousands of feet underground, and the national parks in Kenya all I wanted to know is if he'd ever seen a bear! He had a hand in preserving all of this. When he died his legacy, foresight, and good works remained.

As their children's children, we enjoy the benefits of their efforts, conservation works. Fifty years from now, no one will be saying, "What a beautiful dam. Thank God they built it!" This is the Monterey Peninsula; we appreciate the special privilege we have living here. Sure, build a dam and we'll have more water, but a dam's ability to preserve or protect is limited as it interferes with the rhythm of nature. More importantly, in time, even with a "no growth" mantra, the inevitable forces to develop will be too great and promised safeguards will fall prey to double-cross.

For many years I tried to be pro-dam. I guess the aversion is in my blood. Cousin Horace stood tall among powerful men. I'll stick to his path.

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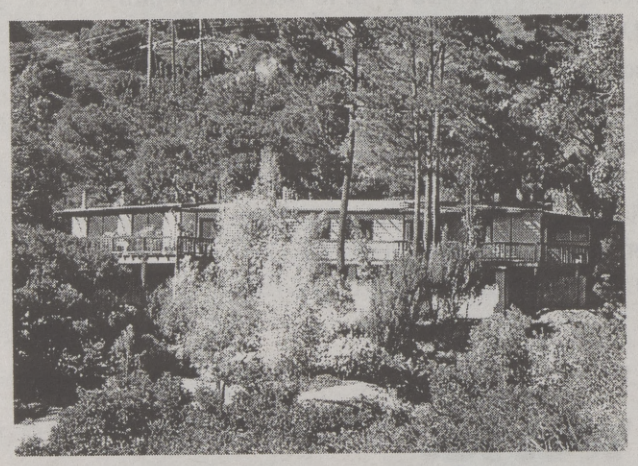

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Surprise - They Can't Read

Those of us who are not parents and have been out of school for some time are frequently astonished that scholastic test results put our kids at or near the bottom of the barrel. Even parents of children now attending school are shocked at what's going on, albeit for different reasons.

Speculations are over. I have recently obtained a copy of a school calendar that identifies the days children actually attend school and it's a travesty. The following will answer some of your questions about why Johnny and most of his friends not only can't read, but also don't learn many other practical skills throughout their pitiful scholastic career:

The school year begins on the first day of August. This year the 1st fell on a Friday and we all know you can't possibly start school on a Friday, so we waited until Monday the 4th. According to the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District 1997/98 Approved School Calendar there are 180 possible school days. These are the days not automatically preempted by scheduled vacation times such as 2 weeks each for Fall, Winter and Spring recesses, and of course the forty-seven days of Summer vacation. We all agree that no matter which month you start with, there are 365 days in a year. With simple subtraction one can easily see that would automatically leave 185 days for weekends and scheduled vacation time.

Out of the 180 possible days left for school attendance 16 are eliminated by the odd holidays. Holidays such as Memorial, Washington, Lincoln, Thanksgiving and Veterans Day, respectively. Additionally, there is something called School Based Coordinated Program Days. Two days are actually labeled *Extended Spring Recess.* That leaves your kids 164 days of attendance, but wait, that's not all. There are 22 days called minimum or shortened days when school ends at 11:50 a.m. and parent conferences are held.

I found the month of November particularly fascinating. Out of a possible 17 days your children attended only 1 full day of school. Using elementary math anyone can figure out that the total number of full school days attended by your kids according to this calendar was 142. That leaves 223 days free or a total of 39% of the year in attendance.

Are we surprised that the courts are clogged? That electronic cash registers are needed to calculate change for the body behind the counter? That cultural awareness and the ability to hang six words together to complete a sentence has gone the way of the rotary dial phone?

According to the philosophy my parents held, school was my job until I graduated and grades were treated as the equivalent of a paycheck. If you only worked 39% of the time would you still have a job? Could you pay your bills or feed your family on less than 40% of your income?

How do we justify the amount of money spent in taxes on schools? Every time we listen to the news a new program for kids is being discussed, but no one talks about more time in school. Have we become so self-absorbed that we have no clue as to the waste and devastation to which we've condemned our future?

Take a good look at the next young person you come into contact with. These are the people who will inherit the earth. If they can't read, or perform simple job skills is it their fault? Learning takes time. With all our expensive, creative programming maneuvers that's the one thing we're not giving them. Shouldn't they be in school?

Barbra Alexander is a local mortgage lender. She can be heard every Saturday from 8 to 9 a.m. Hosting the MONEY HOT-LINE on KSCO 1080 AM. You can reach Barbra directly by calling 408-649-8757.

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CARMEL VALLEY	12	12	15	% 8+	$422,000.00
DEL REY OAKS	2	2	1	% 0	$225,000.00
SEASIDE	23	18	32	% 5+	$165,000.00
SAND CITY	3	2	4		
MARINA	10	11	19	% 0	$191,000.00
SALINAS	126	127	157	% 0	$176,000.00
SALINAS HWY	8	9	12	% 4-	$433,000.00
TORO	6	5	8	% 2+	$285,000.00
GONZALES	1	11	10	% 0	$176,000.00
SOLEDAD	3	9	9	% 0	$176,000.00
GREENFIELD	3	3	5	% 0	$176,000.00
KING CITY	5	8	10	% 0	$176,000.00
NORTH COUNTY	23	30	31	% 0	$229,000.00
SOUTH COUNTY	6	5	9	% 5-	$450,000.00
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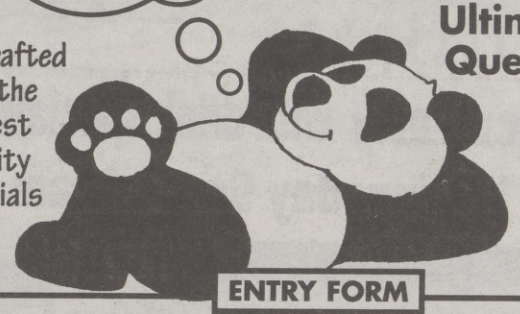

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Bluefin Billiards 375-7000 • Cannery Row	Dizzy Burnett Quartet 9pm – 12am Free swing lessons starting at 8pm	"The Firebirds" 9pm-1am	NPL 9-ball Tournament 2pm "Corby Yates" 10pm-1am	Military Night ½ off pool for all active military personnel	College Night 1/2 off pool for all students	Two for Tuesday 2 for 1 well drinks & appetizers 9pm-Close	DJ Dance Party! Drink Specials Ladies Night 1/2 off price of pool
Doc's Nightclub 649-4241 • Cannery Row	"Monkey" SKA	"Red Beans & Rice"	"Unshakable Race"	Closed	Blues Bait 9:30pm No Cover	"Jonah & the Whalewatchers"	Kevin Conley and Friends Rock & Blues Jam Session
Long Bar 372-2244 • Monterey	Gold Record Karaoke! S.H.I.T. Night (So Happy it's Thursday) $1 Drafts & Shot Specials	The Long Party Dance to all your favorites $1 domestic drafts 4 -10pm	The Long Party Dance all night $1 domestic drafts 4 - 10pm No cover	Big Shot Sunday! $5 Cover Every drink $1	Call for Information	Call for Information	The Long Hump $2 pints all night
McGarrett's 646-9244• Monterey	Call for Information	Alternative House and Techno CD 93 Night - 8pm	DJ Mikey Top 40 & House Music	Closed	Male and Female Exotic Dancers 8pm	Closed	Call for Information
Planet Gemini 373-1449 • Cannery Row	Comedy 9-10:30pm w/ Rick Rockwell & Michael Loftus 9-10:30pm	Comedy 9-10:30pm w/ Rick Rockwell & Michael Loftus 9-10:30pm	Comedy 9-10:30pm w/ Rick Rockwell & Michael Loftus 9-10:30pm	Live on the air w/ La Buena! Grupo Oasis + DJ Tropical 2000	Closed	Closed	"The Mass" and "Mockingbird" $4 Cover
Viva Monterey 646-1415 • Monterey	"The Red Squares" with Tom & Angelina Ayres 8:30pm	"Sean Kennedy & the King Kats" 9:30pm	"The Red Squares" 9:30pm	Special Show! Adrian Legg 7:30pm $10 Cover	Song Writer's Showcase with special guests 8:30pm	Song Writer's Showcase with special guests 8:30pm	Viva Club Night w/ special guests! Win up to $500 cash!
Whitey's Place 646-8383 • Cannery Row	Unshakable Race opens Jam Session w/ Joe Lucido & Friends 9pm	Rock-n-Roll with the "Fingers" 9:30pm	Southern Rock with "The Worry Beads" 9:30pm	"Gold Record Karaoke" - 8pm NTN presents: Sports All Day	NTN presents: Trivial Pursuit 6pm	"Gold Record Karaoke" - 9pm	Rock-n-Blues with the "Heebie Jeebies" 9:30pm

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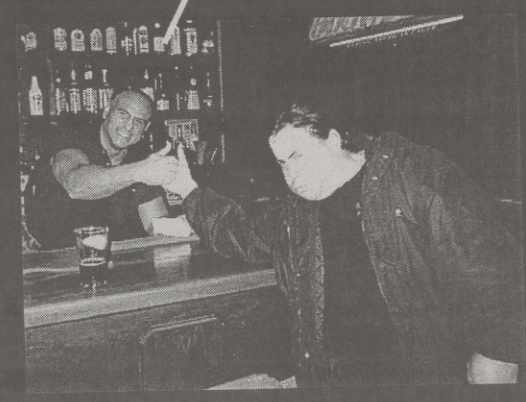
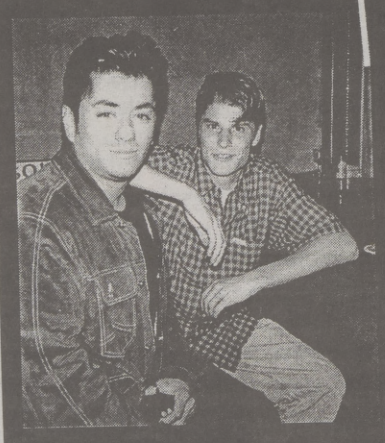
Paparazzi Girl

Some irregulars; Lisa, Brian and Dane, having a fine time on Thursday.

Rob and Josh sharing a moment at the Long Bar.



Junior and Jason the X-Man Crossman loitering at Bossos.



Will you be next? Look for Paparazzi Girl and catch her flashing. Or... flash yourself, flash your friends and send your pictures to us and we'll run them right here in Paparazzi Girl. Send photos to Paparazzi Girl 13766 Center Street Carmel Valley CA 93924
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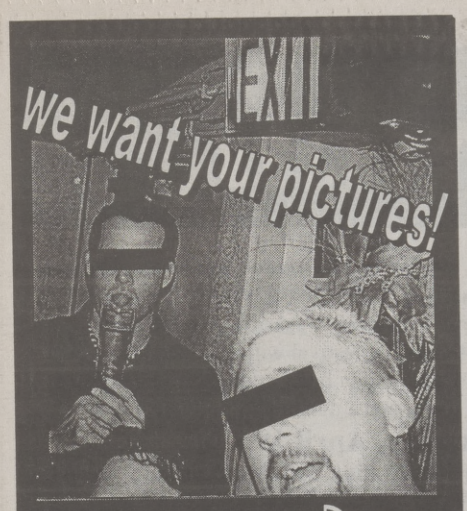

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Around Town

With Matt Heimbold

Well no doubt about it...the big news of the weekend is the Fifth Annual Monterey Seafood & Music Festival presented by the Old Monterey Business Association. We know you're expecting to wolf down plenty of fine vittles from the bay, but don't forget the non-stop entertainment on two stages beginning Saturday morning at 10 AM. Some of the best Monterey bands will offer up the Blues, Jazz, Country, Rock, Zydeco and funk. Two Santa Cruz acts, the Road Hogs and Cosmic flash, will make their debut local performances. Here's the complete music itinerary for both stages, Saturday and Sunday: **Saturday - Alvarado stage**: 10-11:45, Joseph Lucido Trio (Jazz); 12-1:45, 8 Second Ride (Country); 2-3:45, Big Rain (Pop Rock): **Custom House Stage**: 11-12:45, Cachagua Playboys (Cajun/Zydeco); 1-2:45, Iguana Jive (Alternative Rock); 3-4:45, John "Broadway" Tucker and The Broadway Band (Blues): **Sunday-Alvarado stage**: 10-11:45, Milton Fletcher Quintet (Jazz); 12-1:45, Cosmic flash (Funk); 2-3:45, Lory Lynn & Western Edge (Country): **Custom House Stage**: 11-12:45, Road Hogs (R&B); 1-2:45, Mockingbird (Rock); 3-4:45, Red Beans & Rice, (Blues). There you have it. But if your main concern is still the ole banza (and I can fully sympathize with that), how about fresh barbecued oysters, shrimp sandwiches, crab cakes, calamari and grilled swordfish among other treats. The event is free in an effort to promote the economic vitality and community spirit of Downtown.

The Fingers perform at Whitey's this Friday night.

I want to focus for a minute on one of the aforementioned acts, the Milton Fletcher Quintet led fifteen year old pianist and mallet percussionist Milton James Fletcher, Jr. He is a sophomore at Monterey High and attends MPC as a member of the MPC Concert Band. He also performs with the 1998 Monterey County Honor Band and will tour Europe this summer for the second time. At the ripe old age of thirteen he performed at First Night Monterey opening for Charles Brown. He's toured Japan as the youngest member ever of the Monterey Jazz Festival California All Star Band. In Japan he jammed with Freddie Hubbard and Arturo Sandoval. He's performed on the main stage at the Monterey Jazz Festival with the All Star Band sharing the stage with Dave Ellis and Gerald Wilson as guest artists. His performance at The Seafood Festival should not be missed.

The other big musical news of the week is Adrian Legg doing a special show at Viva on Sunday at 7:30. He was named "Guitarist Of The Decade" by Guitar Player magazine. Other awards from that publication include "Best Overall Guitar Album" (where he beat out Satriani and The Smashing Pumpkins for the title), "Acoustic Album Of The Year", and "Best Acoustic Fingerstylist" (Where he garnered more votes than anyone else in the category put together). Beginning his career in Liverpool over twenty years ago, Legg is certainly considered one of the premier players in the world today. He participated in the G3 tour with Joe Satriani, Steve Vai, and Eric Johnson. If they can spring the ten dollar cover charge, you can count on seeing most of Monterey's music set at this one. A great booking by Viva club owner Vince LaRocca on this one! Show time 7:30 PM.

While I'm on the subject of Viva, check out Sean Kennedy & the King Kats on Friday if you missed them last time, and make a point to stop in and visit with Tom and Angelina Ayers (performing with Vince LaRocca on drums) at Viva on Saturday night. The talented husband and wife combo have relocated to San Francisco and my guess is there won't be many more opportunities to see them. How do we get Ayers nominated into one of those Guitar Player Magazine polls? He'd get my vote!

Jeff White has booked another strong weekend of rock at Whitey's. Friday night Fingers from San Francisco will do their modern rock thing with a cello in their arrangements as a twist. They are represented by the same manager as Stroke 9 and have been playing the more "consequential" gigs in SF. They could be poised to follow in the wake of Third Eye Blind also out of SF. The Worry Beads like their rock southern fried in the vein of The Black Crows, Allman Brothers, and Petty and The Stones (at times). This is not the first trip the outfit has made to Whitey's from their home in Malibu. Their last show was a crowd grabber so White has added them to the regular

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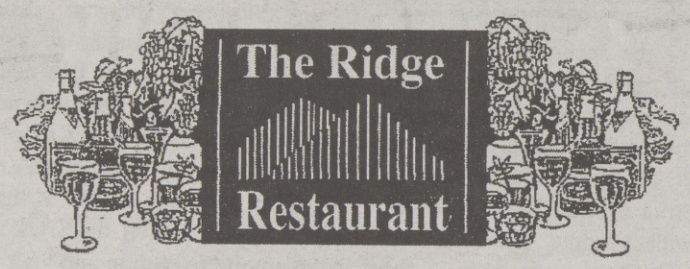

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calendar

Thursday, April 16

The Carmel Art Association has scheduled a monthly film and lecture series for 1998 with artist and art historian Dick Crispo. At 7pm tonight Mr. Crispo will present a short film "Who Was Modigliani." The Association is located on Dolores St., between 5th and 6th.

Thurs. – Sat., Tue, Wed, April 16 - 18, 21, 22

The Pacific Repertory Theatre presents **Nixon's Nixon**. Russell Lees' provocative, dark comedy **Nixon's Nixon** will run until April 25th in the **Circle Theatre** at the **Golden Bough** in Carmel. Evening curtain is at 7:30pm Thurs. – Sat., Tues. and Wed., and also at 2pm Sat. Tickets are $15 for adults, $10 children, seniors, military and teachers.

Thurs. - Sun., April 16 - 19

♪ Every Thursday through Sunday **Helcio Milito Trio** plays mellow Brazilian and American jazz in the Lobby Lounge at the Inn at Spanish Bay from 7-11pm. Helcio's band consists of Brazilian pianist Aloisio Aguiar and the following special guest artists: Thurs. & Sat., Joe Beck & Ali Ryerson & Fri. & Sun. James Forkner.

Fri. - Sun., April 17 - 19

The Bruce Ariss Wharf Theatre presents ***Movie Classics*, A Musical Play. *Classics*** is a playful look at some of Hollywood's great movies. Produced and directed by Chris Graham of the Western Stage. $15 adults, $10 children under 12. Showtimes Fri. & Sat. 8:30pm & Sun. 8pm. Call 449-7117.

Fri. & Sat., April 17 & 18

ARIEL's intermediate program of its Spring Conservatory will be ***Alice in Wonderland.*** Show times are Sat. matinees at 2pm and Fri. and Sat. at 7pm at the Salinas Women's Club. Adults $8, children and students $5. For reservations & information call 759-1530.

Fri. – Sun, April 17 – 19

The Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History is pleased to announce the **37th Annual Wildflower Show** this weekend from 10am to 5pm every day. View over 600 species & varieties of central California wildflowers. $1 donation at the door. The Museum is located on the corner of Forest & Central Avenues in Pacific Grove.

Saturday, April 18

Honor Your Dreams and learn to understand their messages in a **Dream Workshop** with **Elizabeth Howard, MA Dream Teacher and Reiki Master,** Sat. from 10am to 2pm $36 (sliding scale) at a Woman's Wellspring, 575 Calle Principal, Monterey. Participants should call 649-2320 to register.

Sunday, April 19

Sketch & Hike, at Garland Park, 10am, lunch is included. Sponsored by Monterey Museum of Art, $16 member, $20 non-member, kids 12 and under ½ price. Must pre-register. Call 373-2061. Instructor: Jane Flury.

Sunday, April 19

Organ Concert. Clay Couri, Associate Organist at All Saints, will offer his 4th organ recital at **All Saints Church** in Carmel at 3:30pm. Of special note: **Kathyrn Yant**, mezzo-sprano, and **Denise Hedlind**, soprano, will perform vocal duets as part of this program. The concert is free to the public.

Sunday, April 19

The 2nd Annual Monterey Book Festival, the largest gathering of book lovers is scheduled to be held at the **Monterey County Fairgrounds**. The festival features: Beverly Cleary, Jane Smiley, Andrew Vachss, and other great authors. The festival will also have new, used and antiquarian books, and more. Doors open at 10am, and a donation of $2 is requested.

Sunday, April 19

Dr. Carl Safina, founding director of the Living Oceans Program at the National Audubon Society, will present a slide talk from his acclaimed new book, *Song for the Blue Ocean: Encounters Along the World's Coasts & Beneath the Seas*, from 1 to 2pm at the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Entry to the talk is included with aquarium admission, & is free to aquarium members. Call 648-4888.

Monday, April 20

The Carmel Woman's Club will present a rehearsal preview of the Carmel Foundation's up coming 1998 production, **"Mystery Loves Company."** The new review was written & directed by Sandy Williams. The program will be held Mon. at 2pm at the Clubhouse on 9th & San Carlos, Carmel. Refreshments served, non-members $3. Call 624-3379.

Tues. – Sun., April 21 – 26

Danielle Vaillancourt, proprietress of **Collage Design Studio & Workshop**, has just opened a sewing and artists' collection at the old Holman Building in Pacific Grove. The Studio is open Tues. – Sat. from 10am to 5pm, & Sun. 10am – 4:30pm. See a selection of works by 19 local artists. Sewing and art classes are also offered. An Open House is scheduled April 25th, 10am to 5pm. Call 642-0232.

Wednesday, April 22

Breathscope Workshop will be presented by **Hanniah Morgan, MA** from 3:30 – 5:45pm at the **Carmel Country Spa in Carmel Valley.** Experience an exotic musical program which aids a deep breathing process used to improve one's immune system, relieve pain & stress & increase mental clarity. To know what to bring & to make reservations, call 393-2056.

Wednesday, April 22

Dr. Abraham Kryger, of **Carmel Valley Medical,** is presenting a series of lectures every Wed. from 4 to 6pm at #2 Village Dr., Ste. A. This Wed., Dr. Kryger will focus on *Menopause: The Change and What to Do.* Reservations for the lectures are requested. Call 373-4407 or 659-7426.

Saturday, April 25

Monterey County of Law will present a **Legal Career Forum** on Sat. from 10am to noon at the school, 404 W Franklin St. in Monterey. If you are considering attending law school, you will want to attend this upcoming forum. The program is free of charge, but reservations are required. Call 373-3301.

For the Month April

The Carmel Art Association is showcasing the work of four artists in the Segal Room. Featured are illustration-style paintings combining acrylic, ink & colored pencil by Robert Bradshaw, oil paintings by Rip Matteson & Gerald Wasserman, & collages by Julie Smith.

The Central Coast Art Association members will display their work at various locations in April. Watercolors by Gull Britt-Rydell will be on display at the Sally Griffin Senior Center in PG. Encoustic and acrylic artwork by Robert Hewitt will be displayed at the Pebble Beach Post Office weekdays from 8:30am – 4:30pm.

BLUES MUSIC NEWS

The Blues Bus

By Rand Elliot Rueter

Hello Dolly Dolly Dolly Dolly

My nephew Derek loves cowboy music. He also loves cowboy poetry and cowboy clothes and cowboy other stuff. This is my sister's child, my sister the urban dweller, spouse of my brother in law, the urban dweller. How Derek got the cowboy thing is convoluted, but it involves Czar Nicholas and Tom Mix and my grandfather the Croatian cowboy.

But the point is that Derek loves cowboy music. He had been a flat saddle and three day event rider back in Maryland as a kid, but he fell among evil companions on summer vacations at my ranch. It started as a simple switch to western saddles for trail rides in the hills between Prunedale and the Elkorn Slough. Then he came out to a couple of team pennings in Corralitos.

That may have had a greater influence than I had intended. Some people can take or leave cowboy stuff, some can't. It's probably genetic. If you have the tendency, you just have to monitor your behavior or risk big trouble. In my case, I am not a cowboy. I can take a team penning or leave it. I've quit lots of times.

Personally, I think that he really became addicted while attending pre-veterinary school in Colorado. Some vet students get nice tidy urban clinic summer jobs, poodles, Persian cats, and the occasional neurotic hamster. Not him. He kept taking summer jobs on cattle ranches and stud farms… in Colorado… in the mountains… with trees and wildlife… with known cow-persons.

A lot of people know that cow-persons don't talk much. That's true. They do, however, write songs and sing them. They also write poems. Songs about cows… songs about horses… songs about cows and horses… Songs about getting kicked or stomped or sat on by cows and horses. Songs about getting kicked or stomped or sat on by cows and horses while being rained or hailed or struck by lightening or being sleeted upon. Poems about cows… poems about horses… I used to try to be sophisticated and pretend I didn't like the stuff, but watching him gradually sink into cowboyness made me aware that I share the syndrome.

So now he's about to graduate from veterinary school and has decided to get married and settle down. Naturally, he has met a nice ex-urban girl who happens to be an ex-zookeeper and is still a horsewoman and who now works in microbiology research for the people who cloned the calf that was inspired by the cloned sheep. So I figure that for their first anniversary, she'll probably present him with his own complete set of Fred Engle, Moe Bandy and Ian Tyson… not the records, not the action figures… the real guys, just one off. What the heck, if they're not making many of the originals, maybe it's one way to preserve what's left of an endangered species.

Around Town

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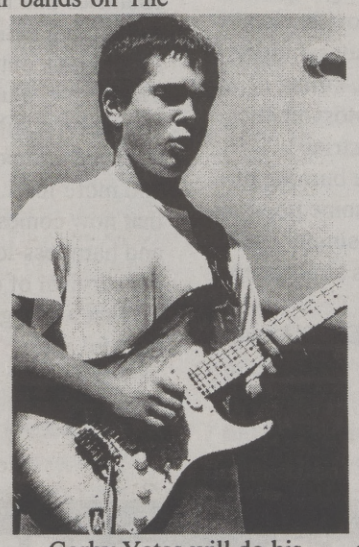
roster. Mark Knight is the heart of the band as frontman and chief songwriter. But his band deserves their due as a tight and kick ass outfit. If you lived in LA in the hey day of the Big Hair bands on The Strip you may remember Knight from the band Bang Tango. My own outfit at the time, Love Pump, was playing the Whiskey and Troubadour quite a bit and I remember catching a Bang Tango performance and dug it. They were a refreshing departure from the onslaught of candy metal bands invading LA. The Worry Beads' debut CD, "Broke n' Down" was self produced, manufactured, and marketed in the truest spirit of inid rock. Hit the web for more information. Good show.



Corby Yates will do his blues thing at BlueFin this Saturday night.

O.K....I'm tired of typing so here's a few other picks o' da weeks. The Firebirds and teenage blues sensation Corby Yates are at Bluefin Billiards, Friday and Saturday respectively; Jonah and the Whalewatchers are at Doc's Thursday and Tuesday; Red Beans and Rice do Friday and Unshakable Race hold down Saturday at Doc's; and Rick Rockwell and Michael Luftus are the comedy ticket at Planet Gemini Thursday through Saturday (good show). One last nugget before I start dreaming of squid...the blues jam at Doc's every Wednesday could get interesting with some surprise (non blues) late evening performances...hush, hush, now. Oh yeah one last crumb of vine noise...rumor has it that long time local entertainment promoter Dan Miller's modern rock festival this summer is shaping up quite nicely. If they can anchor the event with some name acts (smart money says Miller and partner Jenny McPhee can) watch out Monterey. Stay tuned...OUT

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ENVIRONMENT

YOUR WORLD AND MINE

By Araby Colton

Ecosuicide?

Are we committing ecosuicide? Some very bright people say we are. Anthony D'Amato, professor at Northwestern University, writing in Leslie L. Roos, Jr.'s *The Politics of Ecosuicide*, says: "A brief inventory of current human trends should be enough to convince the most cynical eco-skeptic that the human species is gravely endangered and the near future will have to be unlike anything that has ever been experienced in recorded human history."

First he considers the population explosion. "The human species is now threatening to overrun the planet, leaving no room for food. At current rates, which include all extrapolations for birth-control programs, it will take just 600 years (or less than a third of the time span of Christianity) for people to be packed one hundred persons per square yard of all the land space on earth."

"Atmospheric oxygen is being depleted and replaced with carbon dioxide, due to human population growth..."

And then there's the depletion of natural resources... "More and more land space is rendered unfit for farming yearly, due to over farming, erosion, soil-depletion through the use of single-crop farming and intensive fertilization, and the spread of population, resulting in a paving-over of farmland for housing, factories, streets, and highways (and golf courses and shopping malls?) Water is used for industrial cooling and cleaning... it is now impossible to find water anywhere in the world that is not contaminated with man-made wastes."

Atmospheric oxygen is being depleted and replaced with carbon dioxide, due to human population growth (consumption of oxygen through respiration), killing off plant life (thus reducing photosynthetic restoration of oxygen), industrial combustion of oxygen in the burning of fossil fuels and such)... At some point, no one knows when, there will simply not be enough oxygen in the earth's atmosphere to support human life.

(Getting bored? Sorry... Dr. D'Amato goes on.)

"A third tendency concerns the deletion of living organisms. The accelerating population of humans leaves less room for non-human animals to roam around in, and less room for plant life... When an animal or plant species vanishes, it cannot be replaced no matter how much "technological genius" is devoted to the task. In recent years animal and plant species have been disappearing in accelerating numbers, resulting in a simplification of the global ecosystem. Ultimately the simplest system is one in which there is no life at all, like the moon and the other plants! But, to be possible at all, 'life' requires a delicately balanced environment, and as species die off, simplicity and randomness - positive entropy - come into the system, jeopardizing the remaining living organisms." (And that's us.)

Pollution! Pollution! Remember Tom Lehrer's song? "Like lambs to the slaughter, they're drinking the water, and breathing the air!"

Says Dr. D'Amato, "World pollution increases at an accelerating rate. Individual components of pollution interact to form, in many cases, more deadly types. 'Smog', for instance, is a more deadly gas than the sum of its components. As we introduce increasing amounts of pollution into our air and water, we may be breaking down the ability of these natural resources to resist the increments in pollution. Lichens in Lapland are suffering from the air pollution oil West European industry."

"With the rapid industrialization of the countries that now call themselves developing nations pollution increases should now outpace population increases. This threat, plus considerable world starvation resulting from the inability of depleted and polluted soil to produce more and more food... has made every baby that now comes into the world, so innocent and harmless-looking, an actual threat to the survival of everyone else."

What a thought! Next week some hopeful signs!

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THE LAW

The Legal Corner - By Barry Harrow

Wills Part 4, Intestate Succession

As I said last week, Intestate Succession means distribution of property on death in the absence of a Will or other dispositive instrument. The rules for Intestate Succession are determined by the Legislature and are found in the California Probate Code. The person who has passed away is referred to as the decedent.

If the decedent was married at the time of death, we saw last week that the surviving spouse would receive all or a portion of the decedent's estate, the amount depending on which other heirs survived. The portion of the decedent's estate that does not go to the surviving spouse (or the entire estate if the decedent did not have a surviving spouse) is distributed according to another set of rules of Intestate Succession.

If the decedent had previously been married, but the decedent's spouse had predeceased the decedent within a certain number of years, there is a set of rules that attempts to distribute some of the estate back to the family of the decedent's spouse.

For example, if the decedent and the spouse had owned community real property at the time of death of the decedent's spouse and if that date of death was within 15 years of the date of death of decedent, one-half of that community property would be distributed according to these special rules as follows:

If the decedent is survived by issue of the predeceased spouse, then one-half of the community property would be distributed to those issue according to a specific formula. If the predeceased spouse has no issue surviving at the time of death of the decedent, but has a parent or parents surviving the decedent, the parent or parents would receive that one-half of the property. If the predeceased spouse has no issue or parent surviving the decedent, then the property would go to surviving siblings of the predeceased spouse and to their issue. If the predeceased spouse has no issue, parent or siblings (or issue of siblings) at the time of death, then that one-half of the community property would go to the next of kin of the decedent in accordance with the rules discussed below for next of kin.

Let's assume that the decedent had no spouse at the time of death and had no property attributable to a predeceased spouse within the timeframes of the special rules for predeceased spouses. For example, take the case of a woman whose husband died 20 years before her. Let's assume that her estate is $300,000 in property at the time of her death.

The rules of Intestate Succession would operate as follows: If she had children, grandchildren and so on who survive her, then all of the property would go to them. The method of dividing it among them depends on who survived her. For example, let's assume that she had 3 children, one of whom had passed away earlier leaving 2 grandchildren. Let's also assume that the 2 living children each had 3 grandchildren. One-third of the $300,000, namely $100,000, would go equally to the 2 grandchildren of the deceased child. In other words, the deceased child's "share" would go to the deceased child's children equally. The other 2 living children would receive $100,000 each.

If the decedent had no issue surviving her (children, grandchildren, etc.), but had one parent surviving her, the parent would receive all of the $300,000. If she had 2 surviving parents, they would each receive $150,000.

If the decedent had no issue or parents surviving her, the focus would then shift to the issue of her parents (namely her siblings, nieces and nephews, and so on). Assume that she had 2 brothers and 1 sister, each with 2 children (nieces and nephews), but 1 of the brothers had predeceased her. The predeceased brothers' share of $100,000 would go equally to his children ($50,000 each) and the other brother and sister would each receive $100,000.

If the decedent had no issue, parents or issue of her parents surviving her, the same pattern would be repeated for any grandparents or issue of grandparents surviving her. In a sense, the search is expanded to the next higher generation, which then brings in more distant relatives (siblings of her parents, nieces and nephews of her parents, etc.) and the distribution is done based upon who of that group is alive at the time of the decedent's death.

As you can see, there is a long list of potential recipients of the estate before the State of California would receive any portion of the estate. The Law is written to attempt to distribute the estate to "family" before it goes to the State and "family" is very broadly construed.

So when someone says that you had better have a Will so that your property does not go to the State, that would clearly be the exception and not the general rule. However, that doesn't mean you shouldn't have a Will. As I said a couple of weeks ago,"...the best reason to have a Will is to provide you with the maximum input into what happens to your property when you die. Good planning makes good sense, especially since a Will is only one component of a comprehensive Estate Plan."

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OPINION

What's Next?

By Mel Vercoe

The Roman Empire lasted for about a thousand years. I think they invented concrete, which made possible a lot of construction of such things as coliseums, bridges, aqueducts, sports arenas, etcetera. I guess they would have been really impressed by our Hoover Dam, our Pentagon Building, and our development of nuclear weapons.

Anyway, our American Empire has now passed the 200 year mark, and archeologists and historians will someday marvel that we lasted this long, before going down the tube in a blaze of glory in bankruptcy, for lack of simple common sense.

Of course, the Romans had the advantage in not having high speed computers, which can extract money from our Treasury faster than our machines can print it, so we have to borrow extra money to throw at needy projects across oceans, and to bring happiness around the clock to the military-industrial complex that an exceptionally intelligent former President named Eisenhower tried in vain to warn us about.

Will the foreign investors who take over after we go bankrupt do a better job of managing our resources than our White House and Congress did? Will they put more emphasis on preventing crime in America than on playing World Policeman games on the other side of oceans? Will they worry as much about threats of communism, and as little about domestic and national needs as we did?

DOROTHY ZOE DRAPER

JOURNEY - PART II 1978-1993

Dorothy Zoe Draper continues her story of the cats and dogs she has rescued and loved throughout the years...

There was MESSALINA. She lived in filth, a dirty house, a yard covered with her feces, which no one cleaned up. She was a beautiful golden girl who loved her master. She sat at his knees, her paws up, her head raised adoringly; his answer to this was to take his dirty, crude, ugly fist and smash her head.

I took this beauty walking everyday for several years. The family moved away.

My Jenny was old, she was 16, she was sick and she died. My only consolation beside Mollie and Penelope was to lie down with my arms crossed as though I were holding Jenny (and I was), and listen to Bach concertos. My elegant aunt, Mrs. Laura Woods, gave me a tape of Brahms' violin concerto. It was Jenny's music. I held her and listened for years. When I am missing Jenny, I lie down and hold her and play her music.

There was PEPI. I saw him one morning going to the canyon with Mollie. He was in an air flight locker... six sizes too small for him. I knew what I had to do. I asked his owner, a Chinese Doctor, to let me walk him. He gave me permission. Pepi walked with us every morning.

What a huge gorgeous intelligent German Shepherd he was. Then I asked for a larger cage for him. He received it. Then I asked that he let Pepi out of the cage into the garden below. He did, but said Pepi loved his cage; it was his home. Bars always make a fine home?

I walked and loved Pepi for three years. I found a lovely grassy place in a meadow where the three of us could rest. I gave them dog biscuits and water.

Then my Mollie was sick with a kidney disease. Her Doctor saved her for several weeks, but the disease came back. He came to the house and I held my lovely golden Mollie while she died.

I also worked for Doris Day's dogs. She rescued too many she had to put the extra ones in Dr. Bishop's veterinarian clinic. One I especially loved, Dobbie, was so terrified and miserable he didn't enjoy the walks I gave him, and rushed back to his cage where he felt safe. Coming back from a walk, I sat down in a field with Dobbie, put my arms around him, said, "I love you so much, I'll find you a wonderful home," and I kissed him. Terrified, Dobbie bit me. Who had hurt him so badly? I vowed Dobbie would have a perfect home; I found it and the perfect couple. Dobbie's Photo, with his owners, is on my desk.

Ruta, my neighbor, went with me to walk Doris' dogs. She walked a huge dog called Bear. She fell in love with him and brought him home. I loved him too, and he spent half his time in my house. Bear was an enormous Alaskan malamute.

Two lovable baby pit-bulls came into my life. I found one in a garden with a ghastly lock around her neck. When she barked, she received a jolly electric shock. I climbed the fence, tore off this piece of torture, put it in my pocket, and threw it in the ocean.

The names go on and on. Unforgettable. ToTo and Patch - how could I ever forget them?

I wanted my Jenny back. Everyone helped me find a duplicate, my wire haired dachshund, Gabrielle, feathers all over her, brash, a loud bark, a killer where large dogs are concerned.

When Bear died it was unbearable. Then my Mollie died of kidney failure. The vet, the shot, my arms around her, the tears. Now I have Gabrielle, and her friend, Samson, Ruta's dog. There isn't a dog or cat I don't remember and love with all my heart.

River Ramblings By Joseph Hertlein

Carmel Valley Vintage Airport

Last Wednesday, April 8, the proposed development for the Carmel Valley Vintage Airfield was the main topic of discussion at two separate community meetings. The first was at noontime, at the monthly meeting of the Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee (CVVIC). The second was at the Carmel Valley Property Owners Association (CVPOA) monthly board meeting that met that evening.

An overflow crowd of regular CVVIC members and visitors heard a presentation from developer Lars deJounge and his architect Dennis Hodgin, while having lunch at Robles del Rio Lodge with its panoramic view of the Carmel Valley and the airport below. The two explained the project's current proposal for 11 homes with adjoining hangers and a water tower to be situated on 5 acres of the 29-acre parcel. The remaining area would be open space containing the runway, taxiways and a public access trail. A previous proposal for three 2,500 sq.ft. storage hangers, one of which was to be a small museum, have been deleted from the project mostly because of concerns raised by neighbors.

Responding to issues previously voiced by neighbors at a Zoning administrator's hearing on February 26th in Salinas, Mr. Hodgin provided information indicating there would be no lighting or metal buildings allowed at the airport. He indicated the runway would not, and could not be lengthened because of FAA regulations, and that safety issues would not impact nearby Tularcitos School. Other issues discussed were the historical usage of the airfield, grading and tree removal, availability of water, septic and possible impact on neighboring property values.

At the CVPOA meeting the Carmel Valley Airfield Awareness Committee was present to voice its concerns about the proposed project. Mr. deJounge had also been invited to make a presentation at the CVPOA meeting but he was advised by his attorney not to attend. The Citizen's Committee voiced concern about septic and water issues in allowing new development when the peninsula may soon be required to ration water. They were concerned that the developers current application is only for two houses and that the project is not adequately being reviewed in its entirety. The Committee and members of the CVPOA board felt that the project should be required to go through the subdivision approval process as well as being required to complete an EIR on the whole project. The Committee said the airport project results in an intensification of a non-conforming use, which by zoning law should ultimately be eliminated.

Surprisingly, at the Carmel Unified School District Board meeting on Thursday evening, held at Tularcitos School, not a word was mentioned of the proposed airport development. The safety issue of Tularcitos Students had been raised at a prior School Board meeting in March. Considering the Board meeting was held at Tularcitos and that many of the neighbors concerned about the airport development have some connection with the school it was expected that the issue would be raised again. I am conjecturing that perhaps it wasn't because people are recognizing that it is not a major issue. The school is not on the flight path into or out of the airport for fixed wing planes. Only a helicopter is likely to ever fly over. Signs posted at the airport and in flight manuals specifically direct pilots to take off avoiding the airspace near the school.

It also appears that comments at the two public meetings have indicated that such issues as concern over a beacon light on the water tower are no longer an issue because the developer has no intention of installing one and there is no need for one. The airport cannot and does not have any nighttime, or foul weather flights. Therefore there is no need for a light beacon on the water tower. It had only been a suggestion of the FAA, not a requirement. The only way the airport could have nighttime operations would be if runway lighting were installed and this is prohibited by FAA regulations. It would take an amended airport permit to allow nighttime flights. Conversations I have had with officials at the Cal-Trans Aeronautical Division, which has control over airport operations at Carmel Valley Airport for the FAA, indicate that such nighttime flights would never be allowed. Clear area around the airport is insufficient to permit nighttime operations.

It is unfortunate that Mr. deJounge or his architect could not be at the CVPOA meeting. It might have been the best and closest opportunity for a community forum to discuss the airport issue. The Carmel Valley Airfield Awareness Committee has raised some legitimate and important issues. At the same time the developer has proposed what may be the least intensive use for the airport. Economically, the airport cannot remain the way it is. The person who indicated at the February 26th hearing that the airport was "an extension of the Community Park", is completely mistaken. The airport is private property. The owner wants to and is entitled to either sell it or realize some economic return on the property. As a community, we have been most fortunate to have free access to it all these years. We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the Delfino Family for having kept it open to the public.

The alternative to the airport, most likely, is to have the property subdivided into individual home sites and the opportunity for open space lost forever. Rather than the developer and the Community Awareness Committee talking at separate meetings, I wish there could be a community forum conducted in a structured way like the League of Women Voters does for candidate forums. Perhaps then we could have a really informed dialogue. Mr. deJounge seems to have the best intentions. Long range, however, activities of the airport would be controlled by shareholders of a corporation. The Community Awareness Committee has questioned what will happen once Mr. deJounge has sold the 7th share in the corporation and others then control it? Will they have the same beneficial concern for the community as Mr. deJounge? I think the community needs to know in advance what conditions would be placed on the approval of the project.

Such conditions of approval are perhaps in the writing stage, now, by various County departments, Planning, Zoning, Health, Public Works, Water Resources etc. FAA regulations govern airport operations and take precedent on such matters as the required height limitation on buildings and trees surrounding the airport. I have been informed, however, that the County still has the right to place various conditions on use of the airport as a condition of their granting approval for a use permit for the intended hanger/homes. Conditions perhaps could stipulate limitations on; total number of take-offs and landings, disallowing touch-and-go training exercises, total number of planes to be tied down, fly-ins and fly-overs, etc.

The application for the airport development was, next, to have been heard at a continued Zoning Administrator's hearing on March 26th. Recognizing that the Zoning Administrator's ruling would most likely be appealed to the Planning Commission, the developer requested that the matter be scheduled directly with the Planning Commission. It is expected to be heard at the Planning Commission on or after May 13th.

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COPS

March 21

Carmel High School: An unknown male juvenile activated a false fire alarm at Carmel High School.

March 22

Carmel Valley: Reporting person reported two dogs left unattended overnight at the end of Via Petra. The dogs were found outside a truck without food and water. Animal control took the animals to the SPCA, when police could not locate the owner.

Carmel Valley: Man reported that another man was throwing rocks on to his property. Police contacted the man outside of his home and he denied throwing the rocks.

March 23

Carmel Valley: Individual reported some damage to a sliding glass door at the church. It is not clear if the damage was intentional or not.

Carmel: Two transients were arguing at the corner of Carmel Rancho Ln. and Carmel Valley Rd. The male transient locked the female transient out of their van. The two agreed to stop arguing and the female was allowed back in the van.

Carmel: A Carmel man reported that an ex-employee entered his home without permission.

March 24

Carmel: Man reported that someone threw two rocks through the passenger window of his vehicle as it was parked along Hwy 1 at Point Lobos.

March 25

Pebble Beach: Individual reported his mailbox missing. It was later found in the area damaged from being hit with a solid object.

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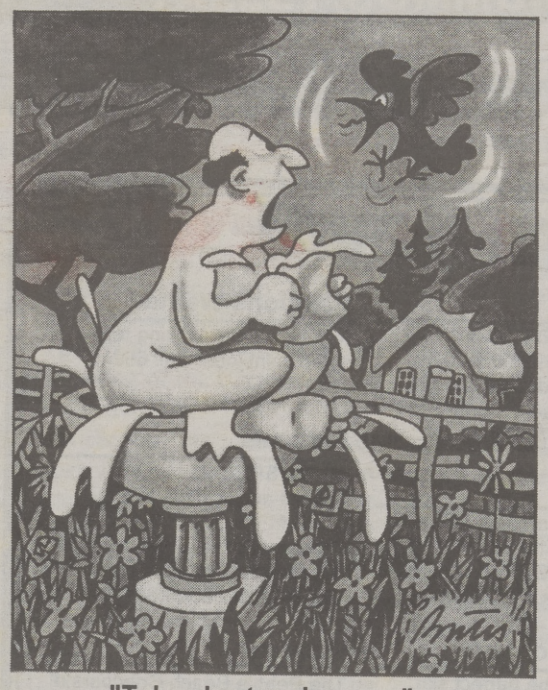

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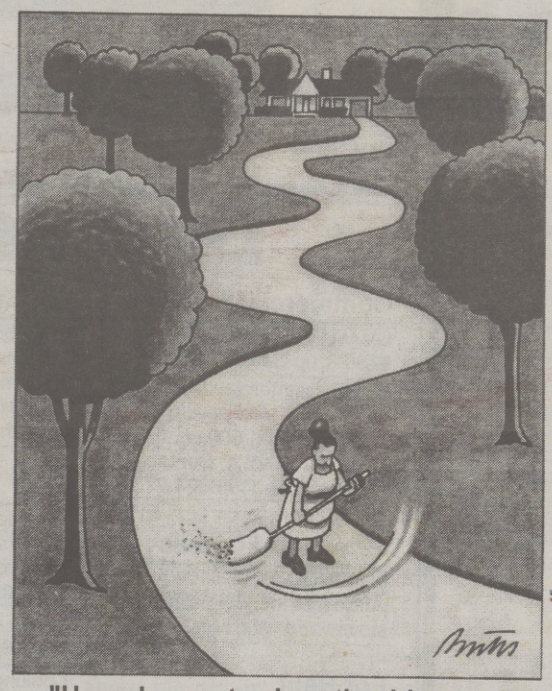

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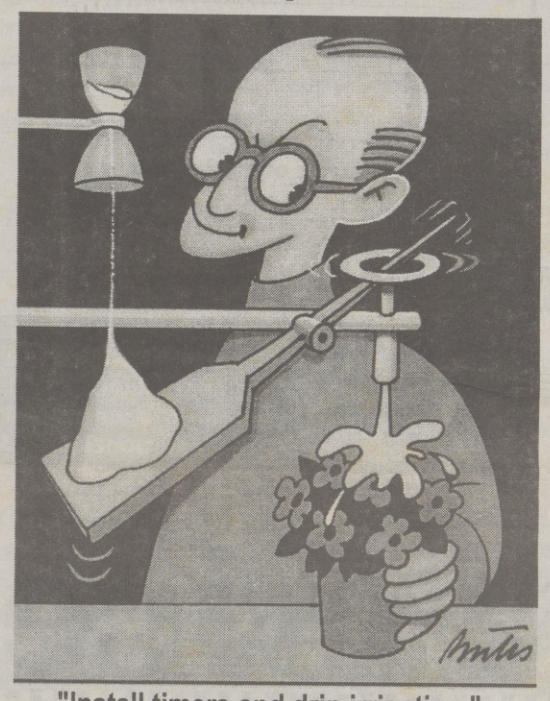
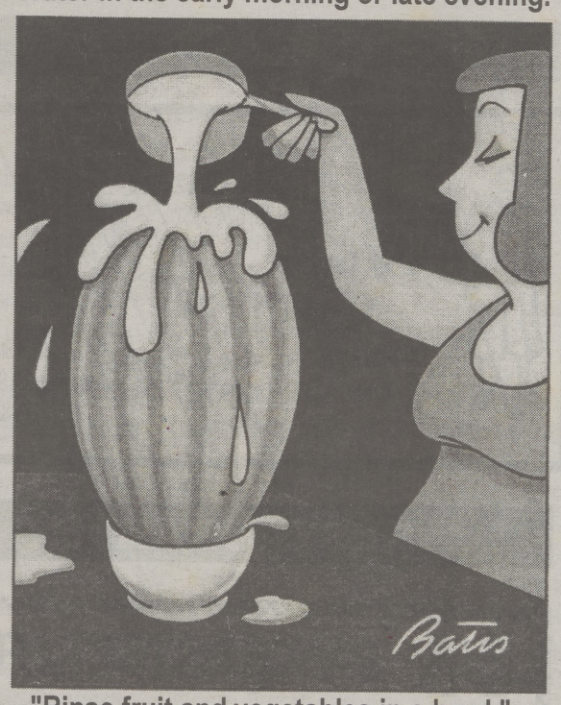
"Water in the early morning or late evening."

"Use a shut-off nozzle when washing your vehicle."

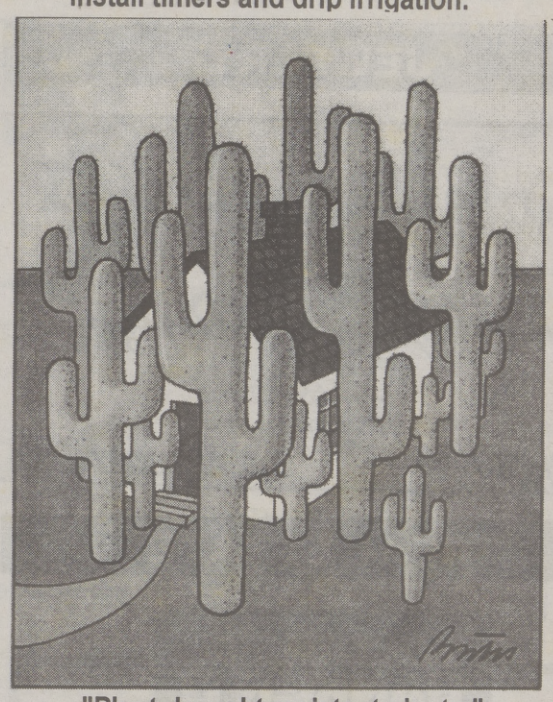


"Install timers and drip irrigation."



"Rinse fruit and vegetables in a bowl."

"Check for silent leaks in the toilet."



"Plant drought resistant plants."

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